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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please amend the application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.